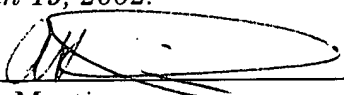


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Commissioner:

Further to the Notice of Missing Parts of February 7, 2002,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 7, please replace paragraph 5 with the following:

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-- The network interface modules 112, 114 are connected to an optical network east trunk 120 and an optical network west trunk 122 respectively, of a protected linear optical network (not shown) to which the network node structure 100 is connected in-line. --